

**WILLIAMSBURG
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, October 25, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

The regular semimonthly Architectural Review Board meeting was held on Tuesday, October 25, 2005, at 6:30 p.m. in the third Floor Conference Room of the Municipal Building.

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order. Present in addition to Mr. Williams were Board members Mr. Edwards, Mr. Lane, Mr. Spence, Mr. Hertzler, and Mr. Quarles. Board member Mr. Klee was absent. Also present was Zoning Officer Beck and Zoning Administrator Murphy.

Mr. Williams welcomed new members Mr. Quarles and Mr. Edwards to the Board.

ARB #05-083 White/110 Shirley Avenue – Fence – Approved.

ARB

SIGN #05-038 Precious Gem/423 West Duke of Gloucester Street – Approved.

Mr. Williams motioned to approve the consent agenda with the removal of ARB #05-082 and ARB Sign #05-037 for further review as requested by a Board member.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Mr. Edwards, Mr. Lane, Mr. Williams, Mr. Spence, Mr. Hertzler and Mr. Quarles.
Nay: None.
Absent: Mr. Klee.
Abstain: Mr. Edward and Mr. Spence (ARB Sign #05-038).

ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION DISTRICT

ARB #05-082 Hicks and Farley/201 Indian Springs Road – Exterior Changes (restore enclosed side porch to screen porch, remove dormer on front elevation, repair stoop, construct shed dormer on rear and reroof dwelling)

Mr. Lane stated that he asked to have the application removed from the consent agenda because of concerns with the PVC trim and windows meeting the ***Design Review Guidelines***. Mr. Roger Guernsey, architect stated the PVC trim would resemble wood and be painted and the type windows had not been finalized. Mr. Williams stated that the Indian Springs neighborhood is currently located in a Zone 1 District within which the Board has approved on a case-by-case basis synthetic trim. He noted it would be located in an AP-2 district under the proposed Design Review

Guidelines which currently allow synthetic trim material. Mr. Williams stated the Design Review Guidelines require exterior muntins in this district. Ms. Farley agreed to have exterior muntins on the replacement windows.

Mr. Williams motioned to approve ARB #05-082 conditioned upon the replacement windows having exterior muntins. Mr. Quarles noted he knew the Farley and Hicks family, but has no vested interest in their project; therefore, he would vote on this request.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Mr. Edwards, Mr. Lane, Mr. Williams, Mr. Spence, Mr. Hertzler and Mr. Quarles.

Nay: None.

Absent: Mr. Klee.

Abstain: None.

ARB #05-084 Williamsburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority/100 Braxton Court – Renovation and Addition

Jim Gurganus, Executive Director of the Williamsburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority presented the proposed renovations for the dwelling. Mr. Williams noted staff concern with the railings for the rear deck. Mr. Gurganus stated they are proposing the same type of rail used on the porch at 733 Scotland Street and presented a detail drawing of the rail. Mr. Hertzler asked if they planned to remove the vinyl siding and restore the dwelling to the original wood siding. Mr. Gurganus responded that the renovation is part of the Braxton Court Block Grant which has limited resources, but he would be happy to take a look at the condition of the existing wood siding and the cost of restoring it. Mr. Williams clarified that it is not in the Board's purview to mandate that the existing vinyl siding be removed, the Architectural Review Board would be interested in the additional cost to restore the house to the original wood siding provided that the assessment of a cost differential would not create a problem or delay the renovations.

Mr. Williams motioned to approve ARB #05-84 as presented.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Mr. Edwards, Mr. Lane, Mr. Williams, Mr. Spence, Mr. Hertzler and Mr. Quarles.

Nay: None.

Absent: Mr. Klee.

Abstain: None.

SIGNS

ARB

SIGN #05-037 Aromas/431 Prince George Street – Building Mounted Sign

Mr. Lane stated that he asked to have the application removed from the consent agenda because the number of fonts exceeded the two font limit allowed by the ***Design Review Guidelines***. The Board followed with a discussion on whether the awning and the freeze board would be considered one sign or separate signs. Mr. Hertzler stated that he thought the three different fonts flowed well together and he would be in favor of the proposal. Mr. Spence concurred with Mr. Hertzler, but noted he would abstain from the vote. Mr. Lane stated he would not vote in favor of the application because the number fonts exceed the two font limit and he is concerned with Board remaining consistent with past and future decisions. Chairman Williams stated the ***Design Review Guidelines*** gives the Board flexibility to approve more than two fonts on case-by-case bases.

Mr. Hertzler motioned to approve ARB Sign #05-037 as presented.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Mr. Williams, Mr. Hertzler and Mr. Quarles.

Nay: Mr. Lane.

Absent: Mr. Klee.

Abstain: Mr. Edwards and Mr. Spence.

ARB

SIGN #05-039 Mug-A-Bytes/1660 Richmond Road – Monument and Building Mounted Signs

Jason Hill, Fine Signs, and Samuel Gamez, applicant presented their sign proposal. Mr. Hill presented a new proposal and model of the proposed sign. The proposed sign has the following features:

- Rock base held together by mortar and painted dark brown to represent coffee beans.
- A rounded sign body with a metallic silver background with green lettering.
- Stimulate steam on top of the sign body.

Mr. Hertzler stated that the sign did not fit with other signs on Richmond Road. A lengthy discussion between the Board and Mr. Hill followed on the colors, steam, rock base, and the shape of the sign.

Mr. Williams motioned to approve ARB #05-039 conditioned upon the following:

- No steam.
- Base color matching the brick around the landscape bed in front of the building.
- Martin Senour Peyton Randolph Gray is used for the background color instead of the metallic silver.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Mr. Lane and Mr. Williams.

Nay: Mr. Edwards, Mr. Spence, Mr. Hertzler and Mr. Quarles.

Absent: Mr. Klee.

Abstain: None.

CONCEPTUAL REVIEW

ARB #05-085 Ripley's Believe It or Not/1735 Richmond Road – Exterior Changes & New Color Scheme

John Hopke, architect, presented the conceptual proposal and gave a brief history of the building followed by the building materials and architectural features. The Board expressed concern with one elevation which would add stucco to the entire building thereby exceeding the **Design Review Guidelines** limit on stucco as an accent material. They noted the alternative elevation was more in keeping with the **Design Review Guidelines**. Mr. Hopke noted he would try to reduce the amount of stucco on the final proposal. Board members noted the alternative conceptual proposal is on the right track and look forward to seeing the final plans with all the elevations. Chairman Williams asked the audience if they had any questions or comments. The owners of the General Store, Casa Maya and Food for Thought were present and stated that they were looking forward to Ripley's Believe It or Not moving in to the area.

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The minutes were approved as presented.

Review Merchant's Square and Resort Historic District for National Register Nomination

Ed Chappell, Bob Taylor and Mimi Sadler presented their proposal to nominate Merchant's Square to the National and State Register of Historic Places.

Mr. Williams motioned to approve the letter of recommendation for Merchant's Square to be added to the National and State Register of Historic Places.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Mr. Lane, Mr. Williams, Mr. Hertzler and Mr. Quarles.

Nay: None.

Absent: Mr. Klee.

Abstain: Mr. Edward and Mr. Spence.

Approval of the Revised Design Review Guidelines

The Board discussed the final draft of the revised **Design Review Guidelines**.

Mr. Williams motioned to approve the **Design Review Guidelines** conditioned upon the noted minor changes being made by staff.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Mr. Edwards, Mr. Lane, Mr. Williams, Mr. Spence, Mr. Hertzler and Mr. Quarles.

Nay: None.

Absent: Mr. Klee.

Abstain: None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Jason L. Beck
Zoning Officer